GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER LOGGING IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten lakh hectare area of land is affected by water logging in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether certain areas falling under the Gandak, Koshi, Ghaghara rivers and Mokama Tal area are prone to the problem of water logging;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Bihar to formulate any programme/scheme to solve the problem of water logging;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government so far in this regard; and

(e) the action proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Government of Bihar has reported that the total water logged area in the State is 9.41 lakh hectare which interalia includes the areas falling under the Gandak, Koshi, Ghaghara rivers and Mokama Tal area.

(c) to (e) Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including water logging primarily rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

Central Water Commission has received three schemes from the State Government for drainage development in Bihar particularly in Mokama Tal Area which are under examination for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Improvement of drainage in the country including Mokama Tal area" for implementation during the 10th Plan.